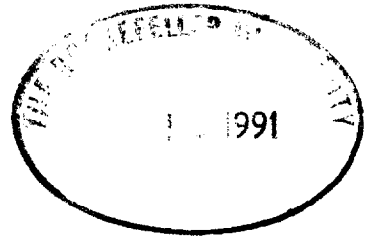




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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for the prompt answer. I shared your concerns for conflict of interest reasons with regard to Affymax. I hope that the attractive concept of a joint venture between Applied Biosystems and Affymax will be resolved shortly, thus clearing the way for your participation in Applied Biosystems' governance.

Thanks also for your suggesting Tom Caskey as a potential member of a diagnostic advisory group. It just happens that two weeks ago we invited Tom, Eric Lander, Lee Hood and Jack Richards, also from Caltech, for a one day consultation meeting to expose them to our plans and invite them to consider joining an advisory board for our human diagnostic program. They all indicated strong willingness to accept such a position when we are ready with a comprehensive plan in a few months.

I'll inform Craig Taylor, one of our directors, of your availability on October 19th. Perhaps you could meet with him.

Thank you again for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Marion'.

André F. Marion
Chairman of the Board
Chief Executive Officer

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